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REPORT —TO OUR READERS-OWNERS

Now It's 'Communication'

At the convention of the AFL newspaper men in San Francisco last week, there was considerable use of the word, COMMUNICATION.

It's beginning to be realized that there are many ways of human beings communicating with one another. The printed word is only one of these.

In fact, there are getting to be so many means of communicating information and ideas and downright propaganda that each specialist in each particular branch spends part of his time worrying about whether his own specialty is on the way in, or on the way out.

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Everybody Itches!

This worry is far reaching. Editors wonder whether the picture should practically replace the printed word. Then those who specialize in pictures shown on newsprint wonder if that is too dead a means of communication. They wonder if moving pictures aren't necessary.

The moving picture specialists begin to fret over whether ordinary moving pictures aren't altogether too limited. Shouldn't all be television, they speculate.

Meanwhile, of course, there is a similar line of worry when you start with the spoken word. The secretary of a union who makes his regular verbal report to the executive board or to the membership wonders if he shouldn't liven it up with films, radio, television, heaven knows what.

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Not How, But What!

Sometimes one feels that the net result is that we are all busy communicating to one another a serious contagious disease which might be called the communicationitis itch.

This is all to the good, if we don't lose sight of the importance of what is communicated. If we spend too much time thinking about the means of communication, we run the risk of thinking too little of material which we wish, or should wish, to communicate.

Plato thought that society should be governed by philosopher-kings, men well educated, who had thought deeply about the problems of man and the state and the gods. At present, we are in danger of being governed by communication-kings, men who have thought deeply about how to tickle the ear, eye, and noodle, but have thought deeply about matter which should be communicated in this tickling process.

East Bay Labor Journal is edited on the assumption that the fundamental and most vital element in the communication process is the earnest and prayerful consideration of what should be communicated. Not just how, but what!

IN JOE McCARTHY'S STATE LABOR HAS UNITY PROGRAM ON THE LOCAL LEVEL



THEY GOT TOGETHER!—Kenosha is in Wisconsin, the state that has Joe McCarthy for a U. S. Senator until the Senate decides to kick him out, or until labor gets a chance at him at the polls.

But meanwhile, the AFL and CIO have gone right ahead staging their own local program showing the fundamental unity of labor. The above picture shows the labor booth at the Kenosha County Fair. Admiring the big sign at the entrance to the tent are (left to right) Frank Zahorske, assistant director of the CIO Auto Workers Region 10; Lee Wenszell, chairman of the joint committee, and George Hampel, Wisconsin AFL public relations director. (LPA Photo.)

REYNOLDS' CASE

The Building Trades Council Tuesday, September 18, 1951, adopted the following statement, and issued instructions that it be printed in this issue of East Bay Labor Journal:

On August 4, 1951, Jack Reynolds was found guilty of having conspired with Edward J. Carrigan, United States Marshal, and Ray Calmes, Deputy United States Marshal, to defraud the United States in the exercise of its Governmental Powers. The specific accusation was that these persons interferred with the functions of the Department of Justice of the United States by attempting to corruptly influence the selection of the place of imprisonment of a federal prisoner, Phil Davis, local auto dealer. This conviction has been appealed by all of the defendants.

These few words are written to acquaint the membership with the merits of that appeal. Jack Reynolds, whom we have known and worked with for years now finds out that trying to do favors for people sometimes has disastrous results. We believe the membership should know how this case arose and how Jack Reynolds became involved.

PHIL DAVIS CASE

Phil Davis was found guilty after a jury trial of having carelessly and with wilful negligence operated a motor boat upon Lake Tahoe so as to endanger the life and limb of persons. His boat cut off the legs of a young girl. Judge Lemmon, who incidently presided at Reynolds' trial, sentenced Davis to six months. He appealed and after that appeal was denied he attempted to have the United States Supreme Court intervene without success. Jack Reynolds did not know Phil Davis at the time of the tragedy and did not meet him for some time thereafter.

While Davis' appeal was pending, Carrigan was appointed United States Marshal. The ironic thing about the case is that Reynolds opposed the appointment of Carrigan because he favored another candidate for the job. As a consequence of Reynolds' opposition he delayed Carrigan's appointment for over a year.

CARRIGAN'S AUTO

The Government at the trial was unable to show by any evidence that Reynolds and Carrigan had met or had talked to each other or had any dealings directly or indirectly during the period of the alleged conspiracy. The alleged conspiracy was supposed to have started in January, 1951, the time when Davis' appeal was still pending.

When Carrigan went to Davis' automobile agency where Calmes had traded before and talked to one of Davis' employes about getting a new automobile, the Government's witness, John Church, said that Carrigan wanted to trade his old car for a new one. Carrigan testified that he wanted to trade his old one for a new one on the same basis that anyone turns their car in for the purchase of a new car. No deal was made and the evidence disclosed that Carrigan never had met Davis and didn't see Church again until the day of his arrest, April 12, 1951.

SAM NEIDER

Sometime in February Reynolds was approached by a friend of his, Sam Nieder, who was likewise indicted but who was acquitted at the direction of Judge Lemmon.

Sam Neider had for a long time been a personal friend of Phil Davis. He told Reynolds that Davis was worried about the place where he would be confined and what could be done about keeping him in a local institution.

Reynolds had not met Davis at this time but merely said that he would try to find out. He contacted some friends and found out that the Director of Prisons in Washington was the man to see about such a thing. He made this inquiry and did the things that he did because of his personal friendship for Neider and the further fact that Davis had previously through Neider made political contributions for the labor candidates.

Reynolds told Neider that in his opinion someone should be sent to Washington to discuss the matter with the Director of Prisons and told him he had an acquaintance who he thought was suited for such a mission because of his political and labor activities and connections. Reynolds also told Neider what amount of money would be required for expenses and costs of such a trip. Neider introduced him to Davis and after Davis had gone to jail, at the request of Neider, he visited Davis.

DAVIS AT SANTA RITA

Davis was put in jail at Santa Rita Prison Farm in Alameda County. Up to this time Reynolds' friend had not gone to Washington, but the marshal had sent him to that place because Davis' attorney during the trial, Leo Sullivan, had wired to the Director of Prisons in November of 1949 and the Director of Prisons had said that he had no objection to Davis serving his time in a local jail.

Neither Reynolds, Neider or Davis knew about this telegram at the time of their discussions and Carrigan, the United States Marshal, did not discover it in his files because it came to the office before he was appointed, until a few days before Davis went to jail.

After Davis was in jail at Santa Rita he became disturbed about the possibility of being moved and asked Reynolds through Neider to see if something couldn't be done about keeping him there. Reynolds proposed that he send his friend back to see the Dierctor of Prisons. Some difference of opinion arose as to what amount of money was necessary to accomplish this.

FBI ENTERS

When this difference of opinion arose Davis and Church contacted the FBI. The FBI in turn had them contact first the Deputy United States Marshal, Calmes, and thereafter Carrigan, the prosecution contended, made demand for a certain amount of money to keep Davis at Santa Rita. Carrigan claimed the only reasons any demands were made was in order to find out what people were attempting to bribe him. On April 12, 1951, Church, according to his testimony, had certain conversations with Calmes.

Prosecution witnesses testified that $2000 in marked bills was paid to Carrigan on Mission Street in San Francisco. This transaction, according to prosecution witnesses, was observed by eight or ten FBI agents and they immediately arrested Carrigan.

ARRESTS MADE

Calmes, Neider and Reynolds were all arrested the same day. The Government charged that all of these four people were involved in a conspiracy yet the facts show that Neider didn't know and had never met until the day he was brought into court, either Carrigan or Calmes.

Reynolds had never met Calmes but he had met Carrigan twice in his lifetime some years before. Everything Reynolds did in the matter was through his friend, Sam Neider.

Reynolds testified on the stand a certain amount of money was left at his place of business by Church and that such was payment of the expenses to Washington.

This was returned because it didn't cover the expenses. From that time on Reynolds had nothing to do with payment of money to anyone.

JUDGE'S COMMENT

When Judge Lemmon ordered the acquittal of Sam Neider he stated that the evidence presented on behalf of both Neider and Reynolds was a close question as to what conspiracy, if any, they were in.

That is the basis of Reynolds' appeal, that he at no time had ever conspired with Carrigan or Calmes to influence their decision as to where Davis should spend his time in jail.

Reynolds has been advised by his attorney that he suffered prejudice in the presentation of his defense when the Government was permitted to bring in evidence as to the conversation concerning the payment of the $2000 on April 12th directly to Carrigan.

Reynolds has been informed also that if a jury was not confused by all of the evidence of the activities of other parties with whom Reynolds had no connection, that the outcome would have been different.

The Building Trades Council authorizes the above statement to be published in the East Bay Labor Journal.

Haggerty Elected Vice-President of AFL Labor Editors

AFL editors from all over the United States met Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco.

From the viewpoint of California labor, the outstanding event of the conference was the election of C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor, as a vice-president of the AFL editors' organization.

Just before Haggerty's election, it had been announced that plans were afoot for the formation of a California Labor Press Conference, to work in cooperation with the nationwide AFL editors' organization, which is called the International Labor Press Association, and is part of the official AFL structure.

It was understood that Haggerty will take an active role in founding the California Labor Press Conference, which will hold occasional gatherings of AFL editors in this state to discuss their problems.

EAST BAY PARTICIPATION

The East Bay Labor Journal delegation consisted of Robert S. Ash, chairman of the paper's managing committee,, and the editor and assistant editor.

The one resolution proposed by the East Bay Labor Journal delegation was adopted by the convention. This resolution called for the setting up by the AFL in Washington of a business advisory service for AFL Central Labor Councils or other bodies of the sort wishing to own, operate, and control their own papers, instead of farming them out to private business groups.

East Bay Labor Journal's editor was chairman of a workshop forum for papers published by central councils and local unions. Dave Selvin, active in launching of the S. F. Labor Council's new paper, to come out October 5, spoke on makeup problems at this workshop forum. George Johns, S. F. Labor Council secretary, spoke on the same subject to the convention.

After Selvin had finished discussing makeup, he answered many questions from editors all over the country about the plans for the San Francisco labor paper.

AD MAN SPEAKS

Alex Smith, head of an advertising agency which specializes in getting accounts for labor papers, was another speaker at the workshop forum.

Fire Fighters 55 Sponsors Dance Tonight Here

Fire Fighters Press Release

The annual Firemen's Protective Fund Dance sponsored by Local 55, International Association of Fire Fighters will be held at the Leamington Hotel in Oakland tonight (Friday), September 21.

According to President E. F. McNarmara of the Oakland Fire Department, invited guests include, City and County officials, officers of the International Fire Fighters from Washington, D. C., official representatives from the National A. F. of L. convention being held in San Francisco.

Rod McCauley, popular Northern California band leader, will supply music. A well rounded show will also be presented.

Local 55 includes firemen from Oakland, Emeryville, Piedmont and San Leandro. Tickets can be obtained at any firehouse in these cities, or at the door.

Labor-Management School Opens Fall Term Oct. 2 at U. of S. F.

U. S. F. Press Release

The Labor-Management School of the University of San Francisco, open to union members and representatives of management, will conduct the fall session from October 2 to November 22.

Registration will be held September 29 from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Courses offered include Employment Problems, Human Relations in Industry, Recent Developments in Taft-Hartley and California Labor Law, The American Labor Movement — History and Background, Workmen's Compensation and Unemployment Insurance, Labor-Management Economics, Parliamentary Practice and Public Speaking.

NOTICE!

Berkeley Painters Local 40

Special meeting September 28 to elect trustee and executive board member and any other business that may come up.

Yours fraternally,
CLARENCE VEZEY
Business Representative.

Labor Alerts for Berkeley Struggle

Reynolds Says Journal Editor Unfair to Him

The Building Trades Council at its Tuesday meeting authorized the publication in East Bay Labor Journal of a statement concerning the case of Jack Reynolds, BTC business representative.

The statement will be found elsewhere on this page.

Reynolds at present is out on bail pending his appeal from the conviction by a Federal jury on a charge of conspiring to obstruct justice.

During the discussion preceding the adoption of the statement, Reynolds and Paul Jones, Laborers 304, criticized the editor of East Bay Labor Journal.

Reynolds said that the editor had "libeled" him in statements copied out of the daily press.

Jones said that while the editor pretended to be ethical, he reprinted false statements from the daily press.

DECONTROL PROTEST

Following a stirring speech delivered by Tom Roberts, Engineers 39, BTC delegates approved the sending of a letter to Alameda City Councilmen protesting any action to remove rent controls in Alameda at this time.

Individual unions affiliated with the council were urged to take similar action.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Before the week is out, U. S. Representative John F. Shelley of San Francisco and George P. Miller of Oakland will each receive letters of thanks from the BTC.

The letters will thank both Congressmen for their "assistance in adjusting the differences between the BTC and officials of the 12th Naval District."

CHEST X-RAY ENDORSED

Delegates to the BTC unanimously endorsed a chest X-ray program which will soon be offered to residents of Alameda free of charge.

Joint sponsors of the program are the Alameda City Health Department and the Alameda County Tuberculosis and Health Association.

The community health project will run for a five-week period from October 16 through November 17.

"UNFAIR LIST"

BTC delegates took due note of a letter received from San Francisco Chauffeurs' Union, Local 265, stating that the "Chapel of the Sunset" had been placed on the "unfair lists" of Local 265 and the San Francisco Labor Council.

Important Notice To Lathers Local 88!

Special called meeting 6 p. m., October 1, to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Yours fraternally,
EARL DAVIDSON,
Business Representative

Employment in State Industries at New High

California manufacturing employment in August was at the highest level since the closing months of World War II and topped the V-J Day total by nearly 40,000, according to Paul Scharrenberg, Director of Industrial Relations.

Following the sharp drop at the end of the war, employment in manufacturing industries rose steadily through the period 1946-1948, suffered a temporary setback in 1949, then turned upward again early in 1950, gaining added impetus after the outbreak of hostilities in Korea.

In August 1951, wage and salary workers in manufacturing establishments in the state totaled 928,500, which compares with 843,400 in August a year ago and 889,000 in August 1945.

STRIKE VOTE MEETINGS!

Paint Makers 1101

Special called meeting 8 p. m., Tuesday, September 25, in Hall M, Labor Temple, to consider contract negotiations and take strike action.

Fraternally,
JIM ZUKER,
Recording Secretary

Cheri Geldert Elected to CLC Executive Board

Cheri Geldert, Building Service Employes 18, was elected to the executive committee of the Central Labor Council Monday.

Mrs. Geldert, assistant business agent of Local 18, succeeds to the place made vacant by the death of Joe Aronson.

Mrs. Geldert got 63 votes, and Glenn McIntire, Linoleum Layers 1290, got 47.

Mrs. Geldert is the second woman to be elected to the executive committee recently, the other being Marilyn Anglin, Office Employes 29.

Drugstores of United Employer Group Threaten Lockout of Food Clerks 870

Some drugstores may shut down very soon.

That was the announcement made by Secretary Robert S. Ash to the Central Labor Council this week.

Negotiations, it was explained, had reached the critical stage between Food Clerks 870, which has a drug clerks and licensed pharmacists' division, and the stores affiliated with the United Employers.

The United Employers have stated that if any one store or chain is struck by the union, all the others will be shut down by the owners. Lockout, in short.

President Harris Wilkin of the union, Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Omstead of the union, and other officers, met with the United Employers Thursday to discuss the issue further.

It was believed in union circles that while some of the chains might engage in the proposed lockout, if things come to that point, most of the independents would not.

Labor Council Hears Paris Spokesman Of AFL, And Its Organizing Director

Three distinguished labor men in attendance at the AFL convention in San Francisco this week came over with CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash and spoke to the Central Labor Council delegates.

They were Nelson Cruickshank, Seafarers Union, who, on assignment by AFL President Green, works with the ECA (Marshall Plan) with headquarters at Paris; Harry O'Reilly, Teamsters Brotherhood, director of organization for the AFL, and Irvin Carey, AFL Auto Workers, an AFL organizer.

Carey was introduced, and briefly greeted the delegates, but Cruickshank and O'Reilly gave interesting accounts of the work in which they are engaged.

Cruickshank's verdict, after several years of work on the Marshall Plan in Europe, is that while the workers in Europe have not always gained the wage and working conditions it had been hoped they would gain, the economy of Europe has been saved from Communism.

Cruickshank insisted that we must realize that Europe is now close to us, not far off, and its problems are our problems. When he was a boy in Ohio, he said, the fastest trip you could make to New York took 21 hours. Now it takes only 21 hours to get from Paris to his home town.

"Last Tuesday I ate in Paris," he said. "Wednesday I was eating in New York, I have spent several days in New York and Washington, and here I am now on a Monday night in Oakland talking to you. Moscow is not very far away from Oakland, either."

O'Reilly told of the extensive organizing work that has been done by the AFL in the past few years. He said the AFL now has 112 national and international unions, 45,000 local unions and nearly 8,000,000 members, 2,700,000 more than last year.

O'Reilly pointed out that nearly three-quarters of a million officers, executive board members, etc., are elected annually in AFL unions over the country, which, he pointed out, is part of an immense democratic process.

O'Reilly concluded by saying that dual organizations have been attempting raids on established AFL jurisdictions. He finished with this statement:

"I say to you: Whenever a dual organization tries to raid you, don't hesitate! Take them on!"

8 East Bay Public Employes Locals Join Forces Into Unified Council

Delegates of eight separate AFL unions met early this month at the Oakland Labor Temple to form their unions into a unified group calling itself the East Bay Council of Public Employes.

It was the first joint meeting of the unions. Other unions composed of public employes may affiliate with the council later.

At the present time, the individual unions in the newly formed council include: Alameda County Employes Local 1401, Alameda County School Employes Local 257, Antioch Employes Local 1199, Contra Costa School Employes Local 1328, Martinez Employes Local 1012, Richmond Employes Local 1357, University of California Employes Local 371, and U. C. Police Local 1330.

Officers of the new council were elected on a temporary basis. They will serve until the first of the year when regular elections will be held.

NEW OFFICERS

Homer Stevens, School Employes 257 president, will serve as temporary president of the council; Harry T. Craycroft, Richmond Employes 1357 president, will act as the council's vice-president; Mary Yee, secretary of the Secretarial and Clerical chapter of 257, will serve as temporary secretary, and Walter Renyer, financial secretary of U. C. Employes 371, will act as treasurer.

Elected as temporary trustees of the council were Fred Venturi, School Employes 257; Leona Otto, Alameda County Employes 1401, and Stanley Schneiter of U. C. Employes 371.

Dave Sharman is the business representative of the council and for the different locals affiliated with the council.

NEXT MEETING

The council will hold its next meeting on Saturday, October 13, 1951, at 9:30 a. m., in the Oakland Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez Streets.

From then on the council will meet on the second Saturday of each month at the same time and place.

W. U. Employes Vote for Union Shop

The AFL Commercial Telegraphers' Union won a nationwide union shop election last week by a landslide vote cast by employes of Western Union. According to election returns released by the National Labor Relations Board, 13,564 voted for the union shop while 2888 voted against it.

George Hageman, president of Western Union division Local 208, reported that the union shop will be void in 13 states because of laws prohibiting such shops.

The election is believed to be the most widespread election ever held under NLRB supervision. It took over a year of steady negotiations between the union, employers and the NLRB to bring the issue to a vote.

A national convention of the Western Union division of the CTU is scheduled for the week starting October 8 at Miami, Florida.

The International CTU will hold its convention in Miami immediately following the close of the Western Union convention.

Alameda Decontrol Decision Deferred to Oct. 2

The Alameda City Council has postponed to 8 p. m. Tuesday, October 2, the time for making its decision as to whether or not rents shall be decontrolled.

This is taken as a hopeful sign by Ed Clancy, Newspaper Drivers 96, heading a fight against decontrol in his home town. Clancy says that the members of the City Council have been receiving so many phone calls and letters against decontrol that it is believed they are doing some heavy thinking.

Also, the declaring of San Diego a critical area, with control over rents, even, that were not controlled under the old control regulations, has set people to realizing that decontrol now is folly, says Clancy, and that we really face a mobilization emergency.

OAKLAND DECONTROLS

Meanwhile, last week the Oakland City Council voted to decontrol rents in Oakland, with only City Councilman MacLeod voting NO.

Labor men had voted at the recent decontrol hearing in the Auditorium that MacLeod asked searching questions of the landlords and realty speakers.

ASH'S LETTER

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash has sent the following letter to the City Council of Alameda:

September 12, 1951

Mayor Frank P. Osborn
City of Alameda
City Hall
Alameda, California
Dear Mayor Osborn:

We wish to officially enter our protest on the proposed decontrol of rents in the City of Alameda. In this regard, I am enclosing two articles, one from the Oakland Tribune under date of September 6, 1951, showing that the Alameda office of the State Department of Employment reported that employment in the City of Alameda has reached a record high, and also that in the City of Alameda, housing is scarce and expensive, and the other article is from the Weekly News Letter, March 1, 1950, of the California State Federation of Labor, A. F. of L., showing a report by an economist of the University of Southern California, who made a survey in the City of Pasadena, which survey shows that rents had increased 58 per cent between November and March during the period immediately following the decontrol of rents in Pasadena.

As was reported by Mr. E. A. Clancy at your meeting of September 4, 1951, the Labor Movement as represented by the A. F. of L. believes that the decontrol of rents in this area of shortages will place great hardships upon the working men and women in the City of Alameda.

We also wish to call to your attention that there is at present a shortage of approximately 50,000 skilled workers and that one of the stumbling blocks in recruiting skilled workers from outside the area to come into Alameda County is the scarcity of rental units. This problem of recruiting skilled workers will become even more acute if the defense program is expanded here in Alameda County.

Will you kindly convey this communication to the other members of your Honorable Body.

Respectfully yours,
CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL OF ALAMEDA COUNTY
ROBERT S. ASH, Secretary

'Anti-Noise' Move May Be Anti-Union!

Central Labor Council delegates were alerted this week to the danger of an "anti-noise" proposed ordinance in Berkeley being actually an anti-labor scheme.

Secretary Robert S. Ash announced that a hearing will be held by the Berkeley City Council, October 9, on two proposed ordinances which should be watched by labor people carefully..

One of the proposed measures would regulate the use of sound equipment. The other would regulate street meetings and parades.

The proposals have been examined by James F. Galliano, CLC attorney, and Charles P. Scully of the State Fed legal staff. They believe that under these proposals, if adopted, picketing could be construed as holding a meeting, and stopped with a flourish of a police club.

The socalled "anti-noise" provisions could be used, it is felt, to prevent important political gatherings during the 1952 campaign.

The proposed measures are believed by the labor lawyers to be unconstitutional. But if adopted, they might remain in effect a long time and do much damage to democratic movements until deciared unconstitutional.

Moreover, it was pointed out, very expensive legal proceedings would be required to upset the measure, once they were adopted.

Office Workers 29 Honor Officers At Dinner Tonight

Members of Office Employes 29 will have a chance to meet two of their International officers on an informal basis tonight (Friday) at a dinner for the officers in the Orinda Willows Restaurant, Orinda.

Guests of honor will be Paul R. Hutchings, International president, and Howard Hicks, International secretary-treasurer.

John B. Kinnick, Local 29 president and business representative, is also a vice-president of the International Union.

In a telephone interview, Kinnick confirmed the fact that his local had successfully concluded new wage agreements with the Western Truck Lines and the McKesson and Robbins Drug Company.

According to the new settlements, office employes at Western Truck Lines will receive an increase of $15 a month retroactive to August 15.

McKesson and Robbins office workers will get a wage boost of $10 a month, effective September 1, 1951.

Both agreements are within the framework of the 10 per cent government wage formula.

NOTICE!

Painters Local 127

One hundred painters wanted for Saturday work.

See Strokes of the Brush column on the inside page by Rutledge.

70th Convention of AFL Meets in San Francisco

The American Federation of Labor's 70th convention opened this week in the San Francisco Auditorium.

East Bay Labor Journal, too shorthanded to have a reporter on the scene, will later publish accounts of the convention as sent by AFL News Service and Labor Press Associated.

Mexican Laborers Treated Like Work Animals, Unionists Told

EL PASO, Tex. (LPA)—Mexican laborers are being loaded like work animals into trucks here—90 of them to a truck—and then shipped to cotton plantations to receive the same starvation wages paid in 1942, H. L. Mitchell, president of the AFL National Farm Labor Union, told a conference of labor leaders here.

Pointing out that cotton which brought 20 cents a pound in 1942 sells for 35 cents today, Mitchell said this means "the profits of these exploiters of human beings have increased to a record-breaking level never dreamed possible in agriculture."

15 CENTS AN HOUR!

Besides these exploited Mexicans, being imported legally into this country under the Ellender-Poage law which the union opposes, there are an estimated half-million illegal immigrants, or "wetbacks," working for as low as 15 cents an hour, NFLU officials said. The law was assailed as a move by farming corporations to flood the country with cheap labor, backed by the National Association of Manufacturers, National Grange, Farm Bureau, National Cotton Council and Chambers of Commerce.

Mitchell charged Congress and the Administration with complete failure in dealing with the problem of Mexican labor, at the meeting of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California state federations of labor, called by AFL President William Green. Preparations were made for joint AFL-Mexican action to deal with evils created or permitted by the law.

ADMINISTRATION ACCUSED

Citing that President Truman had "reluctantly" signed the Ellender-Poage measure under the implied promise that it would be strengthened and enforcement appropriations passed, Mitchell accused the Administration of remaining silent when Congress failed to act. The House, he pointed out, went so far as to cut off funds to the Immigration and Naturalization Service for liberating from slavery and deporting the 500,000 "wetbacks."

While thousands of workers are being rounded up in Mexico and herded to El Paso cattle barns for distribution to border states cotton growers, 40,000 American Indians in New Mexico and Arizona with a record of skill in farm labor are without employment.

FORCED MARCHES DEPLORED

"Not only is the American Indian rapidly becoming a displaced person," Mitchell said, "but in addition, hundreds of thousands of American citizens of Spanish and American origin have had to leave their homes in Texas and New Mexico and, with their families, are traveling and seeking farm work as far north as Minnesota and Michigan.

"The detrimental effects of this forced march of hundreds of miles on the mothers and children—with poor housing, nutrition, health, and school attendance—can easily be recognized. Yet this happens in America because 125,000 corporation or large-scale commercial farmers, compared with 6,000,000 family-operated farms, are so profit-mad that they regard human beings as work animals or machines to be exploited."

Food and Drug Agency Warns Consumers: 'Read the Labels!'

WASHINGTON (LPA)—"Read the Label on Foods, Drugs, Devices, Cosmetics," says a new illustrated consumer information booklet issued by the Food and Drug Administration Federal Security Agency.

"Labels can help you get your money's worth and guard your family's health," said Charles W. Crawford, Commissioner of Food and Drugs. "They contain information required by laws which Congress has enacted for your protection—but if you do not read the label you are losing the benefits of that protection."

You don't have to eat peculiar, bad-tasting foods to be healthy, advises the pamphlet. "Top-flight nutritionists regard our abundant common foods as the best sources of normal vitamin and mineral requirements."

DON'T EXPECT MIRACLES

As to drugs, "do not expect any more of a drug than is claimed on the label or accompanying circular, even if your next-door neighbor, best friend, or a salesman recommends it for other diseases. Labels or accompanying printed matter are required by law to bear only truthful statements about what the drug will do."

As to devices, "be wary of the smooth talker who wants to sell or lease a machine to you for use in **your own home. There are no devices or machines recognized for cure of a disease by the patient in his home. Only a few devices, such as ultra-violet lamps ('sun lamps'), infrared lamps, heating pads and thermometers should be used at home."**

The pamphlet points out that the "sun lamp" sold for home use is not the same as the ultraviolet lamps used by your doctor. "The home lamp will not cure any disease."

TAKE A GOOD LOOK

Take a good look at the label on any hair dye, the pamphlet advises. If your hair is dyed at a beauty parlor, ask to see the bottle label. If the label has a warning that the skin of some people may be irritated, it must caution that a preliminary test be made.

The pamphlet may be obtained from the Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for 15 cents.

Big Gains Follow 'Friendly' Strike At Chemical Plant

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (LPA)—A "friendly" strike which lasted 38 days won a 12-cent package wage increase and greatly improved working conditions for AFL Chemical Workers.

The Southern Chemical Cotton Co. made no attempt to run during the walkout, provided ground for a picket tent, electricity and parking space for pickets' autos. Strikers permitted minor repairs to be made at the plant, there were no "incidents," and the workers returned to their jobs as soon as contract negotiations were completed.

Merchants and residents, including members of other unions, of Alton Park, where the plant is located, contributed food, cold drinks, cigarets, coffee and magazines.

The agreement calls for a 6-cent across the board increase, of which three is subject to Wage Stabilization Board approval, and six in fringe benefits including double time for six paid holidays (there were none before) and 4 and 6-cent differentials for second and third shifts, also new. The one-year contract is retroactive to July 1.

A cost-of-living escalator clause, one of the first to be gained here, provides for a cent an hour increase for each 1.14 points in the old Bureau of Labor Statistics index, not the new one.

"Basic cause of the strike," explained International Organizer David Sherer, "was an accumulation of differences over a period of years. The new contract greatly improves working conditions and provides clarification." Said Local President F. L. White: "This has been a friendly strike and it ended with no hard feelings on the part of either party."

AFL Electrical Workers O.K. $1 Dues Increase To Keep Pension Fund

WASHINGTON (LPA)—In a surprisingly heavy nation-wide vote, members of the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have approved a $1 a month dues increase to maintain their pension fund.

A record 95 per cent of the members voted in the referendum and 95 per cent of these approved the increase, which will be levied for the next four years on "A" members—those covered by the pension fund.

Members had been paying 60 cents a month into the fund, with employers matching that amount. Union officials recommended the increase after a study showed the fund would be depleted in the next 10 years at the present rate of payment. The pension is $50 a month for members retiring at 65 after 20 years of continuous union affiliation, plus a $1000 payment to widows when members die—all in addition to Social Security.

LABOR IN THIS WORLD OF WAR

By the Editor

THIS COLUMN'S title was amply justified by the way the big men of the AFL gathered in the Bay Area this week have been devoting attention to world affairs.

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MATTHEW WOLL, an AFL vice-president, in his talk to AFL editors as head of their organization, told of the gathering of free labor people from all over the world at Milan in July. The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has, he feels, a wonderful future before it.

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AFL PRESIDENT GREEN in his opening speech before the AFL convention stressed international affairs.

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NELSON CRUICKSHANK, guest of the Central Labor Council Monday night, gave a wonderful talk on things he has learned as labor advisor to the ECA (Marshall Plan) in Paris.

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CRUICKSHANK BELIEVES that the Marshall Plan saved the European economy so that it did not fall into the hands of the Commies.

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BUT HE FEELS, and so does Matt Woll, that too much of the assistance America has given to Europe under the Marshall Plan has failed to get down to the workers in the shape of better wages and working conditions.

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BUT PATIENCE and persistence are needed, both Woll and Cruickshank feel, in this job of saving the world from Communism, and at the same time making it a world really worth saving.

GREEN THUMB

The city man had purchased a home in a small community. One day as he browsed about his yard, he found the bodies of two baby birds that had fallen from a nest. He proceeded to bury them in the garden under the critical gaze of his neighbor's five-year-old son. When he had finished, the youngster looked at him strangely.

"What a dopey thing to do!" the boy said scornfully. "They won't grow."

Boston Library Hails Labor's Role in City

BOSTON (LPA)—This city's central public library is hailing Labor's role in the Community, with an exhibition titled just that to mark nine years of unusual service to unions. Books, pamphlets, posters and photographs supplied by the CIO, AFL and the library will illustrate, until September 30, various phases of union activity in the greater Boston area.

A section is devoted to the library's special lending service to union members at meeting halls and in plants, begun in 1942 and with annual circulation now about 4000 volumes—and with negligible loss.

Cattle Price Ceilings Enforcement Drive On

U. S. Gov't Release

WASHINGTON—Michael V. DiSalle, director of Price Stabilization, has announced a nationwide drive to enforce cattle price ceilings. A large portion of the OPS enforcement staff, headed by Edward P. Morgan, will concentrate on the task of enforcing cattle prices, assisted by meat experts from the regional and district OPS offices. Also, the Justice Department will be asked to give priority to cases involving cattle and beef ceiling price violations.

In connection with the enforcement drive, M. DiSalle said: "Since we are no longer able to channel meat into regular normal channels through the slaughter quota system, there are growing indications of maldistribution. This situation, of course, puts a strain on legal prices and threatens to move the available supply into fewer areas where higher—and illegal—prices may be obtainable."

Business Men Talk Out of Both Sides Of Mouth: Johnston

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston, himself a business man, says many business men complain loudly about the government's wage policy "until it comes right down to their own company, then the tune changes."

In a nationwide radio address recently, Johnston said the federal policy of allowing wage increases to match increases in the cost of living is "fair and equitable." But, many business men who cried that the policy was a surrender to labor when it was first announced, now believe it doesn't give the workers enough of a raise.

He cited the case of a friend who was sharply critical of the wage policy a few weeks ago. " A couple of days ago," Johnston said, "the same friend called me again to ask how much does that new cost of living policy allow us to raise wages?"

Johnston told him 2 per cent from last January. He said the friend "practically shouted into the phone: 2 per cent. Hey, that's a tough policy. We were prepared to give them more than that."

The answer, continued Johnston, is that individual companies want to pay their employes enough to keep them, but business men in the mass shout every time labor makes any kind of gain.

Johnston said that wage increases did not necessarily mean that price boosts would be granted. He pointed out that American industry normally has shown an increase in productivity of about 2 per cent a year and said this meant that "a large part" of any further wage increases "should be absorbed without being reflected in prices."

AFL Editor Asks Eisenhower for Public Stand on Labor Issues

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The AFL has asked General Dwight D. (Ike) Eisenhower to make public his position on issues that affect organized labor.

The request was made in a letter from Bernard Tassler, managing editor of the Federationist, the AFL's monthly magazine. Although the text was not made public "for reasons of courtesy," Tassler explained that "no one has a clear picture on the General's thinking on those measures in which working people are keenly interested."

WHAT IS HE?

(Roy Roberts, publisher of the Kansas City Star, recently declared the General told him he is a rock-ribbed Republican, but in Chicago Senator Everett M. Dirksen, Illinois Republican, declared "there is some doubt" that Eisenhower is a Republican, and came out for Senator Robert A. Taft as the GOP nominee in 1952.

(In Memphis a "Committee for Victory" was formed by a group of planters and business men to fight "Truman Socialism." Robert B. Snowden, Memphis cotton man, acting as spokesman, said big-name conservatives will be asked to speak in the South during the 1952 Presidential campaign in an effort to form an anti-Truman organization.

Listed among those to be invited are Generals MacArthur and Eisenhower, and Senators Karl Mundt (R., S. D.), Harry F. Byrd (D., Va.), Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio), and Richard B. Russell (D., Ga.).

(In Washington, Senator John W. Bricker (R., Ohio), announcing he will run for re-election in 1952, said "I hope a Truman supporter will be nominated by the Democrats so that the issue will be clearcut and the results decisive."

TOP DEMOCRATS ENDORSED

(In Philadelphia the AFL Labor's league for Political Education endorsed the top of the Democratic ticket—Joseph S. Clark, Jr., for mayor and Richardson Dilworth for district attorney. Joseph A. McDonough, LLPE head, made it clear, however, that LLPE may not back the Democratic ticket "down the line." He said the Clark-Dilworth endorsements were on the basis of record and not of party identification. Clark is city treasurer and Dilworth is city controller.)

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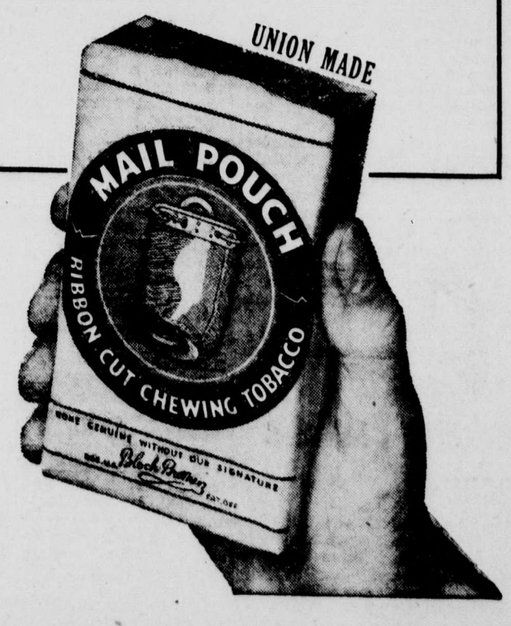
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STROKES FROM THE BRUSH
From Local 127

Painters Donate Services to Aid City Boys' Club

LABOR RELATIONS: Last Saturday the members of the painters unions performed one of the finest gestures for many years when the following brothers donated their services to spray the inside of the Oakland Boys Club at 24th and Market Streets, Oakland.

Brothers Tobiason of 1158, Leighton of 127, Fred Bancalari of 127, Victor Nicola of 40, Atkins of 127, Roque of 127, Duncan of 40, Halvorson of 127, Lindner of 1178, Garcia of 1176, L. A. Miller of 127 and yours truly. Also in on the performance was Bert Townsend, business manager of the Painting Contractors Association and, foremost, George Masker, superintendent of M. Williams, Inc.

Most of the above brothers are employed by M. Williams Company which supplied all the compressors and equipment for the job. Walter Blumert Company furnished drop cloths and equipment. Our good friend Mayor Cliff Rishell used his influence in having the Sherwin Williams Company donate 245 gallons of paint which the boys put on in about 5 hours' time.

The Oakland Boys Club is a nonprofit organization and has a membership of over 2000 between the ages of 6 and 18. We will not take the time to tell of all the good that this club does for the community because we are going to give all the brush painters the opportunity to see for themselves.

While the spray boys did all the ceilings and first coated the walls we still have a lot of work to finish with the brush so next Saturday we are asking for at least a hundred of the brush painters to come down and help out on this most worthy project.

We have the paint donated and all you need to bring is a pot and brush. This Saturday, September 22, about 9 a. m., at 24th and Market Streets in Oakland. Let's see how many of the brothers have the heart to help out a bunch of kids in getting their club in shape to open.

Well, the annual picnic has come and gone. Last Sunday a goodly crowd had a swell time with the painters at Stony-Brook Park in Niles Canyon. A few drops of rain fell now and then which in no way dampened the ardor of those who attended. Plenty of refreshments, ice cream, hot dogs, sodas, etc. was on hand with plenty of good music for dancing.

Those who missed the picnic sure missed a good time.

The entertainment committee at its meeting Tuesday night considered the idea of a dance and floor show for our anniversary in November. More on this later.

It has been definitely ascertained that the lady who had the accident at the picnic did not sustain it through any fault of (PiP Sqeak) Cavanaugh. Seems as though Brother Cavanaugh had been swinging the gal pretty high and wide but WAS NOT her partner at the time she fell.

The weekly contest between Brothers Fernandes and Baldaramus known as the prize waltz was won by Baldaramus which is no surprise as we hear by the grapevine that these two brothers have been cleaning up each Sunday. The committee has decided that next year these two worthy brothers shall act as judges only.

Work holding up the same with all the brothers on the pay-roll and this looks good for a long time. However, again we caution the brothers that sure-as-shooting the rains will come and it would be nice to be spotted in a steady shop.

Next meeting of the local will be November 27 and don't forget to help the boys club by showing up next (this) Saturday morning at 24th and Market, Oakland.

"WATCH IT" with Watchmakers
By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Watchmaker Apprentices To Receive Diplomas At Sept. 27 Meeting

The San Francisco Watchmakers Bowling Team got off to a fine start on the opening night of the A. F. of L. Bowling League held September 12. The A. F. of L. Bowling League this year is composed of 16 teams from different A. F. of L. locals.

Our team won three games from the Window Washers' Union Team (in other words, we did the cleaning for a change.) Lyle Briley, one of our new apprentices is the new addition to the San Francisco team this year and shows promise of being an asset to the team.

The team bowls every Wednesday night at the Park Bowl, Stanyan and Haight Streets, San Francisco. If any of you have nothing to do on Wednesday night—why not come out and give the team a boost?

I am sorry to say, that due to the lack of a sufficient number of bowlers, Oakland will not participate in the Bowling League this season. Next year we sincerely hope that enough members in Oakland will be interested, and that Oakland will again be in the Bowling League. Even though the San Francisco team has always been at the mercy of the Oakland team in the past, we very much regret that we shall not again have the pleasure of bowling with them this year.

There is a possibility that we may have the International General President and General Secretary-Treasurer in attendance at the meeting on September 27. As you know, both these General Officers are in San Francisco attending the A. F. of L. Convention.

We intend to invite the International Officers to the meeting, and if they can attend, the meeting will be a MUST ATTEND MEETING with the $5 fine in effect for both female and male members. Watch your meeting notice in reference to this meeting.

Whether or not the International Officers are in attendance, the Apprentice Certificates will be distributed to the new graduates at this meeting. As you know, we have the certificates hand engraved and they will be ready for presentation on the night of September 27th at the regular meeting.

DRESSING ROOM CHATTER, THEATRICAL EMPLOYES B-82

Local Theater Manager Gets Taken For a Ride by Hitch-hiking Sailors

Brother Frank Daul, a 10-year member, currently assistant to Bob Apple at the Crest Theater in Reno, spending part of his vacation looking up old friends in Oakland, and dropping in to inspect the new union offices, which met with his approval. . . . **Brother Elmer Loofbourrow**, veteran Fox West Coast doorman back on the job at the Orpheum. Both of these brothers worked the State and Orpheum theaters for years. . . . **Barney Luthage** another veteran theater employe, currently on vacation from the rigors of the Roxie door and dropping a line and asking us to "Give my best regards to all." . . . Former member Ed Hoss, now manager of the Chimes, playing "Good Samaritan" to three hitch-hiking sailors and being repaid by having the ingrates beat him up, steal his money and car, according to the Call-Bulletin, a San Francisco daily. We understand the Alameda Times-Star also carried a story. Was the story suppressed in Oakland's only so-called newspaper and if so, why? . . . **Carlene Cole**, formerly of the Campus, now at the Laurel. . . . **Don Cornell**, getting back into the fold, now at the Esquire. . . . It runs in the family department: **Carole Hart**, daughter of **Kay Hart**, former head usherette at the Paramount, making her debut in the business at the Fairfax. . . . **The final union meeting of the month falls on the fourth Saturday at 10 a. m. That's tomorrow. Be careful this month there are five Saturdays in it.** . . . **C. H. Smith**, semi-retired from the Neptune door in Alameda preparing for another trip to Washington, D. C. . . . **Louise Dornsife**, cashiering at the Painters picnic and doing a creditable job from all reports. . . . Don Roman, formerly of the Telenews back in uniform as a paratrooper. . . . **Wes Stone**, giving an assist to the T & D last week end and spending some occasional relief time on the Esquire door where he was once an exec., but makes more per hour now under union conditions. . . . **Cliff McGinnis**, bowing out of the Capitol to become a part time chicken rancher, as he puts it. . . . **Ronald Vier** is the new boy on the Tower door. . . . **Orpha Harris** back in the game at the Telenews. . . . **Evelyn Navarro** in from the T & D to take a withdrawal. Other recent withdrawals **Minna Langella Collyer** and **Billie Borland** from the Oakland Ball Park, **Joan Inge** formerly of the Oaks, **Tony Rodriques** ex-Granada, **Glenna Myers** ex-Alameda and **Elsa Sorensen** from the Ritz. . . . Speaking of the Ritz, reminds us of a long overdue correction and apology due Manager Glenn Coffee there. Some time ago we ran an item saying he was leaving that De Luxe Hayward cinema. . . . Can't help wondering what the little man who doesn't like our column so much he takes valuable company time to malign both the column and the columnist at managers' meeting, had to say about that recent article in a national magazine. The Mag. doesn't deserve to be identified as long as it remains on the unfair list. **Carmen Hernandez** trying to get back into the swing of theater life, but giving it up after a very brief trial at the T & D in favor of domestic life. . . . Our column closes in respect to the memory of Ellis Levy, Telemanagement executive who died last Saturday. Our deepest sympathy to the surviving members of his family.

Cost of Dying Goes Up

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Even the cost of dying has gone up. Price Stabilizer Michael V. DiSalle has permitted price boosts for two cemeteries, to offset higher operating costs. Woodlawn, in New York, can raise prices 10 per cent, Calvary in Youngstown, Ohio, 20 per cent.

Listen to the Voice of the "A. F. of L." Monday through Friday, 10:15 p.m., KFRC.

Farm Laborers May Need Backing Here

The Central Labor Council may be called on to back the AFL Farm Labor Union "in our own back yard," CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash told the delegates this week.

He said that the growers of tomatoes in southern Alameda county are offering only 17 cents a box for picking, and the workers are asking 27 cents, with a government board having given formal approval to the growers' figure.

Ash reported speaking before the Farm Labor Union State Convention in Salinas last week. He told them that he realized that they had encountered some strikebreakers, but that he was sure organized labor in Alameda county would wish to support them.

Ash said that he noted that delegates of Mexican extraction at the convention were very vigorous in their denunciation of wetbecks, that is, illegal entrants into the U. S.

Federal Suits Face Four Oakland Rent Violators

Serving notice that violations of Federal rent legislation occurring at any time during the period of official control will be subject to future prosecution, government attorneys this week filed suit against four Oakland landlords in San Francisco Federal Court.

Charged with violations against three local tenants, the landlords stand to lose a total of $1,412.31 in refunds, $1,117.44 in damages to the treasury, and injunctions have been asked against all four.

S. F. Labor Paper Will Start Publication Oct. 5

George Johns, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, announced in the official bulletin of the council recently:

By vote of the delegates assembled at Friday night's meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council, it was decided to proceed with publication of the proposed newspaper, San Francisco Labor. The first issue will appear Friday, October 5, and publication will occur each two weeks thereafter.

The office of the council is now in the process of activating the newspaper, and in order to make certain that all subscribers receive the first issue, it is urged that all subscribing unions which have not yet submitted their mailing lists do so as soon as possible.

Local unions which have not yet taken action on the newspaper or which have decided against subscribing to it are most earnestly requested to reconsider the question and act favorably on it. From all indications, San Francisco Labor will be a vigorous and effective voice for labor, wholly meriting the full support of the San Francisco labor movement.

HARD BARGAINER

Young Bobby was sent to purchase some plasters for his mother. The pharmacist asked if he wanted the porous plasters. "Of course not," the little lad answered, indignantly, "she wants the bestest."

PLAIN TRUTH

Women who say they never catch their husbands flirting apparently forget how they caught them in the first place.

Gov't Net Closes on Illegal Meat Dealers

U. S. Gov't Release

WASHINGTON—Edward P. Morgan, enforcement director for OPS, announced that the first court action involving an "under-the-counter" sale of beef at illegal prices, will be heard in U. S. District Court at Spokane, Washington, this month.

Burkhardt's Meat Market of that city has been charged with the sale of commercial grade boneless sirloin steak for $1.65 a pound, or 54 cents above the ceiling price, the special agent of OPS making the purchase reporting that the meat was taken from "under the counter."

Two other meat cases are scheduled for hearing the same day, before Federal Judge Samuel Driver. U. S. Attorney Harvey Erickson of Spokane filed the charges.

Bias Cancels TVA Tour

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (LPA)—Because the two dark-skinned Panamanian students would have had to go to a separate hotel at Knoxville, Tenn., 53 foreign-exchange students have canceled a three-day tour of the Tennessee Valley Authority. The 51 white students voted the action unanimously.

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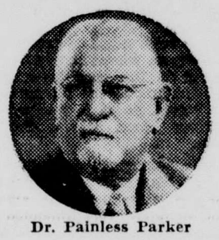
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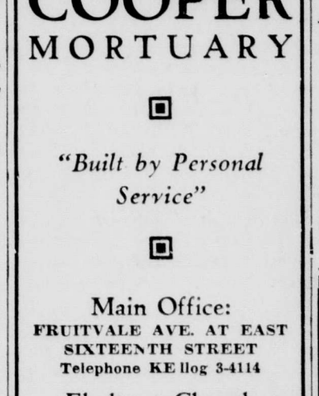
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IT'S NOT McCARTHY ON TRIAL, IT'S THE SENATE

The U. S. Senate goes on trial this month. Officially, it's Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin who goes on trial before a committee of the Senate which is to consider whether or not he should be ousted for misconduct. Actually, however, it is the Senate itself which is going on trial.

Not only does the U. S. Senate go on trial, but the whole system of free parliamentary government. For all over the world the U. S. Senate is considered one of the last great citadels of free parliamentary government. If the U. S. Senate proves itself to be infested by cowardice, lack of all decent regard for its own dignity and the uprightness of its members, then a very serious blow indeed will have been struck at a vitally important institution.

The fact that there was so much delay about starting proceedings against McCarthy is itself disgraceful.

Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois, liberal Democrat, for instance, should have been in the forefront of an effort to oust McCarthy. Instead of that, Senator Douglas was too busy joining the claque against Secretary of State Acheson, declaring months ago that Mr. Acheson was a "political casualty," and should be ousted as such. Which simply meant that McCarthy had been so blatant in his effort to smear a great Secretary of State that Douglas wilted and was ready to throw Acheson overboard to appease McCarthy.

If Douglas did so badly, what could one expect of some of our less liberal Senators? Very little indeed, and certainly that is what we got from most of them.

But hats off to Democratic Senator Benton of Connecticut for having the political courage to launch the proceedings against McCarthy.

Senator Benton has stated that he will consider himself fortunate if he can just get a vote in the Senate on the McCarthy issue. Just a vote—and we certainly hope that Senator Benton will be able to see to it that it is a rollcall vote. Let's know how every blasted one of our Senators votes on this issue!

Joe McCarthy is of course wrapping himself in the American flag, and claiming that all he is trying to do is to fight Communism. But if there is one thing organized labor should bear in mind at this time, it is this: There are a lot of cynical scoundrels climbing on board the anti-Commie bandwagon now who haven't the slightest interest in preserving the American tradition of free speech, free press and free assemblage.

Organized labor, and American citizens in general, are now pretty well alerted toward the dangers of Communist infiltration. But it is high time we were more alert toward the dangers of Fascist demagoguery. At the present time there is far more serious danger from the Right than there is from the Left. The scoundrels of the Left are on the run. The scoundrels of the Right are trying to get in the saddle and stay there. And organized labor is the horse they wish to ride.

WE IGNORANT OLDSTERS

Arthur Carstens of the UCLA Institute of Industrial Relations in stressing the need for adult education today makes a point which is well worth bearing in mind.

Thomas Jefferson, Carstens points out, had much to do with inaugurating and shaping our tradition of education in this country. But in Jefferson's time the average life expectancy was around 37 years of age. Now it's a lot nearer to 67.

Now, the men who are in our Congress and who are running our government, were most of them given their formal school education before the first World War, says Carstens. So their basic ideas and attitudes were formed two world wars and a world revolution "behind the times," as the common saying puts it.

But in Jefferson's day most of these men would have passed on, and a new group of men, who had received their education at least after the first World War and the Russian revolution, would now be running our government.

Organized labor is in the same boat. Most of us now in positions of leadership in the trade unions got our education a very long time ago. We, too, are mostly two world wars and a world revolution behind the times so far as our formal education is concerned.

This doesn't mean we should all be expected to resign our jobs and hand them over to the youngsters. Mr. Carstens and all other educators who have dealt with us know that we're too tough a bunch of old fellows for there to be much reasonable expectation of our being so "foolish."

But it does mean that we should pay more attention to our own adult education. To be specific, it means that the next time a course is given on labor problems and social science in the Temple, all of us who are a couple of world wars and a world revolution behind the times should turn our desks over to our younger subordinates, go and attend that course, and then come back and look our younger subordinates in the eye, and say modestly, "Look here, sonny, if this keeps on, some day I'll be almost as bright as you are!"

BAKERY DRIVERS' five-day week begins to be a reality along the Pacific Coast through the efforts of Paul Fuhrer here and his colleagues in the movement from San Diego to Seattle. This has been a slow, tough battle, but the importance of it is great.

SENATOR M'CARREN of Nevada won the booby prize for his comment on the Japanese Treaty conference. He said it was the greatest victory Gromyko ever won.

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FRIEND AND FOE
In Radio and Press

BROTHER GATZE of the Technical Engineers has called attention lately to the importance of transportation to labor people. Many labor people, he says, are compelled to live far away from their work. They spend much time and much money getting to and from their jobs.

Accordingly, argues Gatze, organized labor should keep a close eye on the proposed monorail system. Don't let the big downtown interests dominate the planning, he suggests, because they're primarily interested in getting people downtown to buy goods, whereas labor is keenly interested in getting to and from the job cheaply and quickly.

THAT'S SOUND THINKING on an important subject.

In general, when we consider the gains made by labor through the trade unions, it pays to stop and think what possible offsets against these gains have been set up by the development of new conditions in industry and the general mode of living.

Certainly the trade union has got us shorter hours. But meanwhile, new conditions have given us longer hours getting to and from our work. And this business of getting to and from our work is sometimes harder work than the paid work itself. We've all found that out the hard way!

IN CREOLA, ALABAMA, for instance, where the present writer's father was head sawyer in the mill many years ago, we all lived down by the river on which floated the logs from which we made our living. Men walked to their work in a few minutes.

The hours were 11 a day, but none of those hours was taken up with the hard job of getting to and from the job. You walked home leisurely for your lunch, too, and saw your wife and kids at noon as well as at night.

The same conditions prevailed in Dee, Oregon, where the writer was a setter on the carriage in a big mill belonging to the Eccles outfit. We all lived down in a canyon by the river Hood where the logs floated.

It was a company town, and had many of the disadvantages of such a town—high prices at the "robissary," the house you lived in owned by the company, which could evict you if you got too smart, no union in those days, and docking of time the minute there was a temporary shortage of logs, and all that.

The hours were 10 a day, but again you didn't spend any of them getting to and from your job. Mother heard the big noon whistle announce that you'd be home for lunch in a minute or two—only we called it dinner, not lunch—and the food was steaming hot when you walked in and sat down, without too much hand washing, one fears.

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IN PORTLAND, where the writer later worked out on the chain, most of us lived in the sawmill boarding-house up on the bluff, and climbed down steps to the river where the mill was.

A bit of a climb, especially on a rainy morning after you'd been dragging heavy wet lumber off the chain onto the dollies for 10 hours in the night, but still, the climb was soon over, and you soon had your breakfast of ham and hotcakes and coffee, and had tumbled into bed for a day's sleep.

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IN VINTON, LOUISIANA, too, where the writer stacked lumber 11 hours a day in the Southern sun, he and a fellow workman had a shack within a few hundred feet of the hot yard where we toiled during the day. Within a very few minutes after that blessed big whistle blew in the evening, we were in the back yard of our shack cooking our supper over an open fire.

This doesn't mean that the writer or anyone else wishes to go back to the "good old days" of the 10-hour or 11-hour day, the 60-hour or 66-hour week. But it does mean that many of us now on the 8-hour 40-hour shifts spend more hours in travel to and from our work than we would in those "good old days" have deemed possible or endurable.

—L. B.

COAST EMPLOYMENT SETS NEW RECORD

U. S. Gov't Release

For the second consecutive month employment in industrial and commercial establishments on the Pacific Coast reached a new record high in mid-July, with 4,663,000 at work, according to Max D. Kossoris, Western Regional Director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The increase over June was almost all in California where seasonal factors on top of defense activities boosted jobs by 45,000. Despite a hazardous fire season and slower demand for lumber which cut back logging employment, Oregon and Washington showed modest gains of 1000 and 4000 respectively over the month.

Employment in all major industry divisions except government was above June levels. Mining, which on the West Coast is predominently crude oil and gas production, increased 600 to a total of 40,400.

Contract Construction with 10,000 above June, showed a very small rise. However, the new level of 318,000 was 4 per cent above July of last year. California building seemed to be holding its own, but with increases primarily in heavy construction.

Average weekly earnings in manufacturing in the Coast States dropped $4.58 in Oregon, $3.49 in Washington and $1.76 in California, to $73.38, $80.37, $71.08 respectively. Weekly earnings for U. S. moved in the same direction with a drop of $.76 to an average of $64.56.



YOUR ECONOMICS AND MINE

This is the fifth in a series of articles entitled "Your Economics and Mine," dealing with vital economic discussions of the day. The series is prepared and distributed by the California State Federation of Labor.

Credit Controls

Since the start of hostilities in Korea and the resulting rise in the cost of living, the buying power of the dollar has become an issue of paramount interest to the American wage earner.

Adequate price controls should form the first line of defense for the purchasing public, but price controls are not enough. They must be accompanied by higher taxes and other measures that tend to lessen the inflationary pressures of a defense economy.

Among the kindred measures, credit controls appear the most important. Essentially, they are meant to cut down the number of dollars that manufacturers can spend on non-essential equipment, business men on inventory, and consumers on commodities they normally buy on credit.

The power to administer most credit controls is held by the U. S. Federal Reserve Syteem, which since its founding in 1913 has become more and more the watchdog of the U. S. dollar.

A box score of consumer credit controls as established by the Federal Reserve System follows:

BOX SCORE OF CONSUMER CREDIT CONTROLS

Item	Minimum Down Payment	Maximum number of months to pay off balance: Before Aug. 1, 1951	After Aug. 1, 1951
Automobiles	33.3%	15	18
Appliances (refrigerators, radios, television sets, washing machines, etc.)	25%	15	18
Furniture	15%	15	18
Home Improvements	10%	30	...

HOW CREDIT CONTROLS WORK

If John Worker wanted to purchase a new automobile (price $2000) before credit controls went into effect, he might have paid nothing down and 40 monthly installments of $50 each plus interest.

Under present controls, John Worker would have to make a down payment of at least $666 and pay off the balance in 15 months of $88.92 plus interest.

Thus, it was obviously easier for a consumer in the middle or lower income brackets to purchase an automobile before the coming of credit controls than at the present time.

In a defense economy the shifts in manufacturing emphasis make articles like automobiles scarce and anything that would increase such scarcity would inevitably bring higher and higher prices for such commodities. Thus, elimination of controls would worsen the inflationary spiral.

SAME THING IN HOUSING

Similarly, the purpose of credit controls on housing is to lessen the demand for new housing construction as well as existing homes.

For example, the amount that can be borrowed on units having a value of more than $2500, but not more than $5000, is limited to 90 per cent, and the higher the value of the property the lower the percentage that can be borrowed.

Many families that could have afforded the purchase of a home prior to the passage of this regulation will now be compelled to postpone the purchase.

It has been argued that such control measures are too severe and have produced excessive inventories and unemployment.

In response to such criticisms, Congress has recently sent to the President for signature a measure allowing greatly liberalized credit terms for homes costing $12,000 or less.

This Congressional sensitiveness is undoubtedly due in part to the fact that all consumer credit controls, and particularly those on low cost housing, are discriminatory since they affect only the low and middle income groups.

The wealthy are not hampered by regulations requiring higher down payments and shorter periods in which to dispose of the balance. Thus, without adequate safeguards, the demand for scarce commodities might be reduced at the expense of further lowering the living standard of the wage earner and his family.

It was apparently with such dangers in mind that Congress secured changes in the Federal Reserve system controls effective August 1, 1951.

REACTIONARY COALITION RUNS CONGRESS, LABOR TOLD BY LLPE

League Reporter (LLPE)

Remember that a coalition of reactionary Republicans and Dixiecrats is running Congress.

As far back as November 20, the League Reporter said 'a Republican-Dixiecrat coalition will call the turns in the Senate for the next two years. A similar bloc will be at work in the House. . . . The GOP is going to try to blame the bad record which the 82nd Congress almost certainly will write on President Truman.

"But the actions of the Congress can't be laid to Mr. Truman. The whole trouble is that there are too many reactionary Republicans hiding under the Democratic label in the South."

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WOMEN
in This World
By EDITH McCONN

COLLEGE SORORITIES are not always the snobbish groups we sometimes think them.

In Oneida, N. Y., the local chapter of Delta Gamma Delta has shown a spirit which all of us might emulate. It has chosen to resign from the national organization rather than expel from membership two Negro girls.

In a secret ballot the 42 members voted to surrender their chapter rather than obey the order of their parent organization to expel these two girls.

"We of Beta chapter," said Miss Kay Kelly, speaking before her group, "have decided that if Delta Gamma Delta is going to adhere to ideas which are not in accord with the principles of our country and our conscience and our religion, we must withdraw from the organization."

Every such act of course puts us one step forward in our long march toward genuine tolerance and democracy. A step here and a step there, and after a while we can look over our shoulders and see that we have been making genuine progress.

The thing to remember is to keep the steps going forward.

WE STILL THINK of American Indians as roaming the Western Plains, or at least living in Indian villages in our western mountains and mesas.

It comes as a surprise, therefore, to find that there are 300 Mohawk Indians now living in the heart of downtown Brooklyn, New York.

These native Americans are members of the Six Nations of the Iroquois. They came to Brooklyn some 20 years ago from their reservation near Montreal and have permanent homes there to which they can return when and if they please.

For the most part, however, they prefer city life. They speak the Mohawk tongue, but they also speak perfect English.

They are very industrious, three-fourths of them being employed at steel construction. They helped build the Empire State Building and other such structures.

They dress as their neighbors do, they eat standard American fare, they own television sets, and like other Americans they marry into Russian, German and Italian families, as well as into older American stocks.

They are proud, however, of their heritage as the first Americans, and many of them join in their ancient ceremonies at weddings and other such events.

Their children have American names—Florence, Michael, Robert. But they also have their Indian names—Flying Leaf, Rolling Cloud and Lift in Sky.

Not for much longer, perhaps, will their Mohawk heritage mean much to them. Already television as well as other influences of our civilization are pulling at the children.

To be an airplane pilot, says one mother, is the ambition of her young son, as it is of every second boy in this land.

SCHOOLS ARE OPENING all over the country this month, many of them under conditions which will try the patience of both teachers and pupils.

In our state in particular, class rooms are over-crowded. Many schools will have to run double sessions. Classes will be too large and playgrounds crowded.

More than ever teachers are going to need the cooperation of parents. Less than ever can mother feel that when she has washed Johnny's face and set him off for school her work is done.

Many parents do cooperate, do lend a helping hand whenever they can. But there are still many parents who do not.

What is worse, there are still parents who carp and criticise, blame the schools and the teachers for things which should be the parents' responsibility.

If you have children in school, join the P.-T. A. Attend its meetings and if possible, participate in its work. You may get more education yourself than you had bargained for.

SOLDIERS DO NOT ASK GUARANTEE, CALIFORNIAN SAYS

League Reporter (LLPE)

During House debate over Rep. W. R. Poage's (D., Tex.) proposal to guarantee business men a profit of 85 per cent of what they made during their most profitable years, Rep. Sam Yorty (D., Calif.) asked his fellow members to remember the soldiers, sailors and marines who are fighting for our survival.

"We should remember," Yorty told the House recently, "this is a Congress that is drafting men to go in and give their lives to protect not only the profit system but something that is more precious than profits: that is, the freedom and liberty of the people in this country and the people of the world who are willing to fight to remain free.

"The members of the armed forces are not asking you to allow them 85 per cent of the earnings they made during the best three earning years of their lives.

"Are you going to treat other people differently than you treat the boys you are sending over to fight for you, and who are making it possible for us to meet here in peace and serenity?

"Are no others to make even temporary sacrifices of peacetime privileges or rights in order to protect this nation?

"Is unlimited profit more important to our business men than patriotism? Is that what you are accusing the business people of the United States of?"

LABOR AFTER THE CIVIL WAR

This is the second and final installment of the history of the American Labor Movement from the early days to the present.

Last week's installment carried us from the early days to the beginning of the Civil War. The history continues from that point.

By 1860, most industries had accepted the 10-hour day and wages, which in 1820 had ranged from 75 cents to $1.50 a day, were $1 and $2 a day. Unions developed rapidly during the lush production years of the Civil War. In 1863 there were about 80 local unions in 20 northern states. In 1864, there were 300 unions in the same states.

The 15 years following the Civil War saw a sharp fluctuation in union membership. Organized labor rolls showed 300,000 members in 1872, only 50,000 in 1878. But this period also saw the beginning of 14 new national unions and the start of the 8-hour day movement.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR

The beginning of the modern labor movement started with the founding of the Noble Order of the Knights of Labor in 1869 in Philadelphia. At first the organization operated in secret because of the prevalence of employer blacklists, but most of the secrecy was abandoned by 1881. The Knights membership grew rapidly from 10,000 in 1879 to 700,000 in 1886. The Knights program caleld for the 8-hour day, equal pay for equal work by women, abolition of convict and child labor, public ownership of utilities and establishment of cooperatives. An internal conflict over the merits of political means versus collective bargaining to effect reforms led to the decline of the Knights.

In 1881, an organization devoted to "pure and simple unionism"—higher wages and improved working conditions—was formed. This was the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions which merged with the American Federation of Labor when it was founded in 1886. Among the founders of both organizations was Samuel Gompers, who was AFL president, except for one year, until his death in 1924. The present president, William Green, succeeded him.

4,000,000 MEMBERS IN 1920

The AFL, made up principally of unions of skilled craftsmen, reached a membership of 4,000,000 by 1920, when it claimed 70 to 80 per cent of the union members in the country. The early years of the AFL were marked by violent strikes in which a number of people were killed and injured. Employers hired strikebreakers and called on the police to protect them.

A number of independent labor groups arose to challenge the AFL principle of "pure and simple unionism" as less effective than political action. Most important of these was the Industrial Workers of the World which was pledged to the abolition of the wage system. However, IWW declined rapidly after World War I and the AFL emerged from the war as the supreme organization in the labor movement.

The 1920s were another bad period for unions and membership decreased sharply as employers resorted to violent union-breaking tactics. Labor's best years began in 1933 with the advent of the Roosevelt Administration which backed the passage of laws protecting the interests of unions. Among them were the National Industrial Recovery Act, Wagner Act and Fair Labor Standards Act.

A split in the AFL over industrial versus craft unionism resulted in the establishment of the CIO in 1938. The AFL in 1936 suspended 10 of its unions for forming a committee with the goal of organizing all workers of a single mass production industry into one union, rather than dividing them between craft unions.

T-H UNITES LABOR

Nine of these 10 unions and 32 other union organizations formed the CIO, which is now headed by Philip Murray. At first, the rivalry between the two groups was very intense, but in the past few years they have presented a united front on such issues as political action (aimed in particular at the anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act passed in 1947), the present defense program and international union affairs.

Between them, the AFL and CIO represent about 90 per cent of the 16,000,000 organized workers in the US. Other organized workers are in a number of unaffiliated unions. Largest of these are the United Mine Workers and rail unions.

'WELFARE STATE' HOLDS NO TERROR FOR MIDWEST EDITOR

League Reporter (LLPE)

Editor William Evjue of the Madison (Wis.) Capital Times points out some of the beneifts of a nation concerned with general welfare. In a recent radio address over station WIBA in Madison, Evjue said:

"Under the mass hysteria and fear-mongering that have enveloped the country today, the word 'welfare' has almost come into disrepute. We hear of the welfare state as though it is an excursion into Communism.

"Have we now reached the point where a nation that concerns itself with the welfare of its people is to be branded as Communistic?

"Today, there are thousands of people who are living in homes that were saved for them by the Home Owners' Loan Corp. (HOLC).

"Do you remember the days when we had runs on banks and thousands of people faced suicide, broken homes and bankruptcy following the loss of their life savings? The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) has stopped that.

"There are thousands of people who are today living in decent homes because of the aid extended by the Federal Housing Authority (FHA).

"Do you remember when billions of dollars of waterlogged, wildcat stocks and bonds were sold to the American people? The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has stopped that.

"The greatest asset possessed by the State of Wisconsin is its rich topsoil. For years, nothing was done while millions of tons of our topsoil went down our rivers because of erosion. The Federal soil erosion program has educated the American people to the need of conserving this God-given asset.

"Years ago, the Tennessee River caused terrific flood damage to the cities and rural areas along the Tennessee River valley. There are no longer any floods, loss of life and tremendous damage in the Tennessee Valley. The TVA has stopped that."

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John Viera, Livingston
Ulm Bros., Modesto
George Clever, Tracy
Max Foster, Modesto
Presnell Dairy, Modesto
Leo P. Hedegard, Modesto
U. J. Reeves, Tracy
M. A. Des Jardinz, Modesto
Henry Ielmerini, Petaluma
J. Ielmerini, Marin
W. Scott, Marin
Delcini, Marin

DRUG STORES
Stier Drug Co., 3407 Lakeshore, Oakland

LOCKSMITHS
All locksmiths in the East Bay Area not displaying the union shop card.

PRINTING-NEWSPAPERS
Life
Time
Saturday Evening Post
Ladies' Home Journal
Country Gentleman

STORES
Clinnick Appliance Co., Fruitvale and MacArthur, Oakland
Vine Pastry Shop, 2114 Vine St., Berkeley

APARTMENT HOUSES
Graystone Apartments, 26 Lenox Avenue

SIGN AND SHOW CARD CONTRACTORS
Herb Hobson Company, 3113 Dwight Way, Berkeley
East Bay Sign Company, 2645 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley

RESTAURANTS
White Log Taverns

BARBER SHOPS
All Barber Shops which fail to display Union Card.

MISCELLANEOUS
Mr. Mario Pedrosi, Valley Food Center, 1371 West First Street, Livermore.

Mr. Otis W. Stillwell, General Contractor, 6156 Baker Street, Oakland.

Mr. Charles Conkel, Specialty Contractor (Sprinkler Systems, etc.), 1624 West Fourth street, Livermore, Calif.

Oakland Roofing Company, 4114, Linden street, Oakland, Calif.

Mr. Lorne Merritt, General Contractor, 1910 170th avenue, Hayward.

Mr. F. Geo. H. Stanley, Contractor, 2537 Ritchie Street, Oakland.

I. Magnin Co.

E. I. DuPont de Nemours, Paint Manufacturing Co., South San Francisco

Hotel Menlo. 13th and Webster Streets, Oakland

West Coast Macaroni Manufacturing Co., 1250 57th Avenue, Oakland

Portland Hotel, 476 Ninth Street, Oakland

All Scale Companies not displaying the Union Shop Card

Electric Refrigeration Service Co., 5921 Grove Street, Oakland

Rio Theater, Park Street, Alameda

Times Theater, Webster Street, Alameda, Calif.

Stanley W. Taylor, 1200 Bancroft Avenue, San Leandro, Calif.

Western Interiors Blind Co., 3000 Willow Road, San Pablo, Calif.

E. A. Ferracone, Exterior Decorator, 3993 Altamont Avenue, Oakland.